(c) the names of the countries which have shown interest in importing such vehicles from India during 1991-92; and

(d) the commercial vehicles proposed to be exported during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b): Prices at which India exports commercial vehicles are different in different markets and also vary from vehicle to vehicle. India has succeeded in exporting some varieties of heavy, medium and light commercial vehicles since such supplies were competitive in terms of price, quality and other conditions governing such export vis-a-vis other exporting countries. Factors which have made such exports competitive include conducive Government export policy, availability of cheap labour and skilled manpower, large production volumes of such vehicles in the country and export effort on the part of the industry.

(c) The countries where Indian Commercial Vehicles were exported during 1991-92 are: Abu Dhabi, Afghanistan, Albania, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Dubai, France, Ghana, Guyana, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Madagascar, malawi, Malta, Morocco, Mozambique, Malaysia, Mauritious, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad, Uganda, U.A.E., Venezuela, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

(d) Several types of commercial vehicles including heavy, medium and light vehicles as also custom-built vehicles as also custom-built vehicles are proposed to be exported during 1992-93.

Road Bonds

*548 SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from State Government to issue Road Bonds for improving and developing bridges and State Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c): Yes, Sir. However, at present only Public Sector Undertakings wholly owned by the Union Government are eligible to float bonds.

Assistance to Gujarat from Central Road Fund

*549 SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHALIA:
SHRI RATILAL VERMA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to Gujarat for the development of roads from the Central Road Fund during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of the schemes for which the funds were provided, year-wise; and

(c) the progress made in the completion of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b): During the year 1989-90 and 1991-91, no scheme was approved under Central Road Fund. However, during 1991-92, the following two works have been approved:-

S.No.	Name of Scheme	Estimated cost	Amount debitable to	
			C.R.F.	State Plan
		—Rs. in lakhs—		
1.	Construction of a parallel service road on Ahmedabad bypass from Kms 0/0 to 2/5, 3/7 to 6/6 & Kms 6/0 to 13/230.	163.00	120.00	43.00
2.	Widening to Intermediate lane of Mehsana-Bodla-Modhera road from Kms. 12/0 to 25/200	37.225	34.71	2.515
		Total:	154.71	

(c) Since these works have been approved on 28.2.1992, these are yet to be started.

[*English*]

Smuggling of Gold

*550 SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large quantity of gold is smuggled from Dubai to India;

(b) if so, the quantity of such gold seized during 1991-92; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the smuggling of gold from Dubai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b): Gold is generally smuggled from gulf region including Dubai. The total quantity of smuggled gold, including that from Dubai, seized during 1991-92 is 4.2 tonnes* valued at Rs. 173.1 crores*

(c) The machinery to check smuggling of gold and other contraband goods from Dubai and elsewhere has been strengthened from time to time and preventive activities intensified. A strict vigil is kept on vulnerable point. Close co-ordination is maintained with the Coast Guard, BSF, Police etc. Besides, a major step taken recently is to allow Indians and NRIs coming to India after stay of six months or more to bring gold as baggage on payment of customs duty of Rs. 450/- per 10 gms in convertible foreign exchange. As a result of this policy change domestic price of gold has come down sharply, thus making smuggling of gold less attractive.

Trade Fair Complexes

*551. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the places where Trade Fair Complexes have been set up by the Trade Fair Authority of India;

(b) whether the Government propose to

* Figures are provisional.